



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FIRE CHIEF
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

October 18, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE THE FIRE DISTRICT'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWELVE FIRE ENGINES
AND APPROVE RELATED APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

1. Approve the Fire Protection District's request to purchase twelve fire engines and to proceed with the acquisition of these engines through the County's Purchasing Agent. A fire engine costs approximately \$336,000. These purchase requests exceed the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.
2. Approve the Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment I) to transfer \$3.647 million from the District's Appropriation for Contingencies and \$453,000 from Salaries & Employee Benefits to the District's Fixed Asset account to fund the acquisition of the twelve engines totaling approximately \$4.1 million.

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AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval of the recommendations now before your Board will allow the Fire District to implement its regular annual replacement of fire apparatus approved by the Board on April 19, 2005. Acquisition this fiscal year will allow delivery of the engines in 2006-07 and is consistent with the District's 20 year replacement schedule for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of first line service and 5 years of reserve service, and will also improve the District's ability to provide effective public safety services. The fire engines will have enclosed cabs, improved fire fighter safety features, more cost effective components to reduce annual operating costs and higher efficiency, lower emission diesel engines.

This request complies with the County Equipment Policy that your Board approved on October 16, 2001 which requires Board approval prior to a department purchasing or financing fixed assets with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Goal #2 for Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total cost of the fire engines is approximately \$4.1 million. The District's 2005-06 Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for the purchase of the fire engines, and approval of the attached Appropriation Adjustment will allow the Fire District to proceed with this purchase. Fire engine maintenance will be funded from the District's operating budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The nature of response requirements, firefighting and automotive technology and accepted National Fire Protection Agency requirements has changed dramatically over the last 20-year period and the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and effective than the apparatus they are replacing.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in

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accordance with the County's Purchasing policies and procedures, established by Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The fire engines will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safer, more efficient and cost effective manner.

CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District
Materials Management Division
5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief
2. Internal Services Department
Purchasing Division
1100 N. Eastern Avenue, Room 102
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,



P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. No. 390-05

September 15, 2005

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

4-Vote

Fiscal Year ~~2005-06~~

SOURCES:

Fire Department
Financing Elements
Appropriation for Contingencies
DA1-FR-40109-3303
\$ 3,647,000

Fire Department
Operations
Salaries & Employee Benefits
DA1-FR-40215-1000
\$ 453,000

USES:

Fire Department
Support Services
Fixed Assets - Equipment
DA1-FR-40191-6030
\$ 4,100,000

The Appropriation Adjustment is necessary to fund the purchase of twelve Fire Engines.

Theresa L Barrera

Theresa Barrera, Assistant Chief, FMD

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY

APPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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No. 26

SEPT. 16 2005

BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK